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This memorandum is furnished to provide information from aerial photography on ChiCom road and defense construction activity on Hai-tan Island and on the peninsula area southeast of Lung-tien A/F.

Peninsula South-East of Lung-Tien A/F - Photography is dated [REDACTED]

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The prime effort of the Chinese Communists, according to the aerial coverage, seems to have been directed toward construction and improvement of roads.

A good, apparently heavy-duty, road now exists, and is probably in use, from near the south tip of the peninsula northward past the airfield, by-passing the town of Lung-tien, and into the city of Fu-ching. From here the road continues westward to connect with the main N-S coastal highway which leads northward toward Foochow. Much of this peninsular roadway appears to be of recent construction, but comparative aerial coverage is not available to set the date of construction or improvement.

South of the Lung-tien airfield, there are four separate connecting

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roads extending generally eastward from the N-S peninsula road toward Hai-tan strait. All of these seem to be either in process of construction or very newly completed. There are still bridges missing on some of these roads.

At the Strait end of one road is found a 200' pier, a possible AA emplacement, a possible artillery emplacement, and two warehouse-type buildings, each about 35' x 300'.

At the extreme south end of the N-S road there is either a low-tide ford from the Mainland to Ko-men Island, or else a bridge is to be constructed there. Also, on the island is a road under construction to a possible artillery emplacement on the Strait side.

Also below Lung-tien is a connecting road leading westward along a peninsula which juts into Hsing-Hua Bay. At the south end of this road is a 435' pier and a possible AA position. Two other connecting roads, probably still under construction, lead out onto smaller peninsulas in the same general area.

Hai-tan Island - Photography is dated [REDACTED] On Hai-tan Island proper there is evidence of considerable earthwork defense construction. This seems to be concentrated on two peninsulas which jut out from the west side of the island into Hai-tan Strait, just opposite the road network on the mainland peninsula.

The defenses consist of an extensive trench system, augmented by caves and what appear as anti-tank ditches. There are many (possibly 50) barracks-type buildings in this general area. Also, there is

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one small pier.

No actual guns or gun emplacements are noted. There is a newly constructed roadway, throughout the strong-point area, extending northward through Ping-tan, to the northeast end of the island.

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